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Spy Cases Stir Review of U.S. Security Setup

Intelligence Units Reported Reappraising Protective Measures Used Around Globe

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WASHINGTON—A reassessment of security measures employed by the United States to protect its military secrets throughout the world is under way, it was learned Wednesday.

The reappraisal is reportedly being conducted by the Central Intelligence Agency and the Pentagon's Defense Intelligence Agency both in Washington and in a number of foreign capitals rocked by recent disclosures of Russian espionage.

U.S. sources in a position to know have labeled the process a "damage assessment."

The cases, involving espionage at the highest levels in Washington, London, Stockholm and Moscow, collectively are causing the greatest upheaval in intelligence work ever experienced on either side of the Iron Curtain.

Investigating Contacts

U.S. officials in particular are said to be investigating contacts made in London, Washington and the Near East by a British spy for the Russians, Harold Philby.

A former first secretary of the British Embassy in Washington Philby is said to have fled behind the Iron Curtain to join two other Englishmen, Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean, who also spied for the Russians until they were detected in 1951.

Burgess and Maclean are said to have fled to the Soviet Union on the basis of every tip by Philby that was ever connected with them in Washington, that Penkovsky.

the pair was under suspicion by British intelligence.

Of equal concern to America's intelligence community is the case of a Swedish spy for the Russians, Col. Stig Erik Wennerstrom, who was his country's air attache in Washington from 1952 to 1957.

The U.S. survey is said to include a reassembly of materials to which both spies had access, an appraisal of what such information was worth to the Russians and an assessment of what corrective measures should be taken to prevent further leaks.

Costly Operation

The Swedes, who disclosed Wennerstrom's arrest last week, have indicated it may cost them \$200 million to relocate airfields, radar sites and other military equipment about which the officer regularly reported to the Russians.

Wennerstrom is also said to have had access to a number of military secrets involving U.S. and NATO security....

Indications are, however, that no major changes in U.S. installations are deemed necessary as the result of information Wennerstrom passed to the Russians.

Third Big Case

The third major espionage case which has caused reverberations in both the free and Communist worlds is that of Soviet Col. Oleg Penkovsky, who was convicted of treason in Moscow last month after confessing to selling Russian secrets to the British and Americans.

The Russians have called back for questioning and possible disciplinary action every Soviet official who was ever connected with Penkovsky.

Similarly, U.S. intelligence officials are said to be attempting a reconstruction of what breakdown in their procedures led to Penkovsky's detection by the Russians.

The fourth major case in recent months came to light only Wednesday when the FBI arrested two persons in Washington and two in New York on charges of gathering military information for the Communists.

Still earlier in the week, the State Department demanded the expulsion of Gennadiy Sevastyanov, nominally a cultural attache in the Soviet Embassy in Washington, who is accused of trying to enlist the services of a Russian-born employee of the CIA.

Of less concern to this country is Britain's current call girl scandal which, although it has overtones of spying, apparently involved no leak of U.S. secrets.